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H.B. No. 2718

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the allocation and use of municipal hotel occupancy
3 taxes in certain municipalities bordering bays and estuaries.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 351, Tax Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 351.104 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 351.104. ALLOCATION OF REVENUE: CERTAIN
8 MUNICIPALITIES BORDERING BAYS AND ESTUARIES. (a) This section
9 applies only to a home-rule municipality that borders an estuary or
10 bay in this state and that has a population of less than 80,000.

11 (b) In this section:

12 (1) "Clean and maintain" has the meaning assigned by
13 Section 61.063, Natural Resources Code.

14 (2) "Public beach" has the meaning assigned by Section
15 61.001, Natural Resources Code.

16 (c) A municipality to which this section applies may use not
17 more than one percent of the revenue derived from the tax imposed
18 under this chapter:

19 (1) for a purpose described by Section 351.105(a)(1)
20 or (2);

21 (2) to clean and maintain a public beach; or

22 (3) to mitigate coastal erosion on a public beach.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.